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1. POST SUPPORTS PROPOSAL REFTEL TO STAGE SUBJECT EVENT AT TAIPEI TRADE CENTER IN SEPTEMBER 1977. AMERICAN-MADE HOUSEWARES HAVE GOOD SALES POTENTIAL, AS DEMONSTRATED BY RECENT SUCCESSFUL IN-STORE PROMOTIONS HELD BY FAR EASTERN DEPARTMENT STORE IN CITIES THROUGHOUT TAIWAN. HOWEVER, PARTICIPANTS IN SUBJECT EVENT SHOULD NOT EXPECT LOCAL MARKET TO COMPARE IN SIZE WITH THAT UNCLASSIFIED

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OF LONDON, PARIS, TOKYO ETC. IN ADDITION ROC DUTIES ON IMPORTED HOUSEWARES ARE GENERALLY VERY HIGH.

2. TTC EXPERIENCE WITH VXCE PROTOTYPE LAST FALL WOULD INDICATE THAT TECHNIQUE SUPPLEMENTED BY PRODUCT SAMPLES SHOULD BE EFFECTIVE WAY OF PROMOTING HOUSEWARES TO DEPARTMENT STORES, IMPORTERS AND OTHER LOCAL BUYERS. TRADE CENTER QUESTIONS

SUFFICIENCY OF LENGTH OF THREE-MINUTES FOR INDIVIDUAL PRESENTATIONS, HOWEVER, AND RECOMMENDS ATTENDANCE OF "INDUSTRY SPECIALIST". NO PROBLEMS ARE FORESEEN RE FOLLOWING: AVAILABILITY OF NECESSARY VTR EQUIPMENT, PROPOSED BUDGET LEVEL, STAGING AND PROMOTION REQUIREMENTS.

- 3. RE TIMING OF EVENT, HOTEL AND RESTAURANT EQUIPMENT EXHIBITION IS SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 12-16 AND HOLIDAYS FALL ON 27 AND 28. TTC RECOMMENDS U.S.H.U.S. BE HELD SEPTEMBER 21-23.
- 4. PLEASE FORWARD ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PROGRAM AND TIMING AS SOON AS AVAILABLE. UNGER

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